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Citizen Guidance on the Homeland Security Advisory System

Threat Level

Recommended Actions for Citizens



Low Risk

- Develop a family emergency plan. Share it with family and friends and practice the plan.
- Create a “Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness 7 Day Survival Kit”. Visit www.ak-prepared.com/homelandsecurity/citizenpreparedness.htm to download the survival kit manual.
- Know how to shelter-in-place and how to turn off the utilities (power, gas, water) to your home.
- Examine volunteer opportunities in your community, such as Citizen Corps, Volunteers in Police Service, Neighborhood Watch or others, and donate your time.
- Consider completing a First Aid or CPR course, or a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) course.



Guarded Risk

- *Complete recommended steps for Level Green.*
- Review stored disaster supplies and replace items that are outdated.
- Be alert to suspicious activity and report it to the proper authorities.



Elevated Risk

- *Complete recommended steps for Levels Green and Blue.*
- Ensure disaster supply kit is stocked and ready.
- Check telephone numbers in family emergency plan and update if necessary.
- Develop alternate routes to/from work or school and practice them.
- Continue to be alert for suspicious activity and report it to the authorities.



High Risk

- *Complete recommended steps from lower levels.*
- Exercise caution when traveling, pay attention to travel advisories.
- Review your family’s emergency plan and make sure all members know what to do.
- Be patient. Expect some delays, baggage searches, and restrictions at public buildings.
- Check on neighbors or others that might need assistance in an emergency.



Severe Risk

- *Complete all recommended steps from lower levels.*
- Listen to TV and radio for current information/instructions from emergency management officials
- Be prepared to shelter-in-place or evacuate if instructed.
- Expect traffic delays and restrictions.
- Provide volunteer services only as requested.
- Contact your school/business to determine status of school/work day.